



# Female Veteran's Village



## FEMALE VETERAN'S VILLAGE – *A Diamond in the Rough*

The Female Veteran's Village began in an old crime infested trailer park, but the outcome was more than anyone expected.

- 2008 – The Diamond Square CRA issued a Letter of Intent to purchase the Skyview Trailer Park.
- 2014 – A Diamond Square subdivision was recorded with the Brevard County Clerk of Courts.
- 2016 – CRA Board approved a partnership for the construction of homes as part of The City of Cocoa's Veterans' Homeownership Initiative which included the 6 lots.
- 2018 – A partnership with Habitat was realized to build new single-family homes for Low and very low-income Female Veterans.
- 2019 – Construction began on the first home.
- 2020 – The first and second homes were completed, and the keys were turned over to the first two Female Veterans.
- 2021 – The third home was complete.
- 2022 – The 4<sup>th</sup> home was turned over. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> homes are expected to be complete and turned over October 2022.



## Previously the Skyview Trailer Park



In 2008, the DSCRA approved a letter of intent to purchase the Skyview Trailer Park property.



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## 2019- Construction began





# Female Veteran Village Groundbreaking Ceremony



**Karla Griggs is our first Female Veteran working towards owning her new home in the first of it's kind Female Veteran Village in Cocoa.**







Success is due to the many volunteers and donors

Homeowners, Karla Griggs, Veronica Waterman And Lisa Stinson at a wall raising ceremony



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# Female Veteran Village Griggs Home Dedication Ceremony



**Karla Griggs is signing the closing documents and finally able to move into her very own home.**





## PRESS RELEASE



Karla Griggs gets the keys to her new home at Habitat for Humanity's new female village in Cocoa Thursday. (Spectrum News)

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### 1st-of-Its-Kind Habitat for Humanity Village Needs Female Veterans



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COCOA, Fla. — From homeless, to homeowner. On Thursday, a veteran was handed the keys to her new house, all part of Habitat for Humanity of Brevard's first-ever "Female Veterans Village".

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The Second homeowner, Lisa Stinson is given the keys to her home. Ms. Stinson is a Veteran of the US Navy. She became homeless and living in her car with her teenage son. "A car is worth gold to a homeless person", she said. There was no air, no heat and 1 working window.

The Female Veteran's Village has been recognized by the National Habitat for Humanity as the only Project of its kind in the Nation.



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# Female Village update...



**A Message from our 4<sup>th</sup> homeowner, Sanjeanette Scott.**

<https://youtu.be/v2Zft6oqfxo>

